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Review preliminary comments & schedule time to discuss issues (EPA HQ, Region and NOAA)	↓	↓
Conference calls to resolve issues if necessary (EPA HQ, Region and NOAA)	60-120 days	30-60 days
Finalize decisions/rationales (EPA and NOAA)	↓	↓
Give informal feedback to state (can also occur before this point)	↓	↓
Route draft decisions/rationales through General Counsel for their reviews (EPA and NOAA)	75-160 days	35-80 days
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Incorporate General Counsel comments into findings & finalize	110-180 days	60-100 days
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Conference calls to resolve issues if necessary (EPA HQ, Region and NOAA)	60-130 days	30-90 days
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